

2021

2021 (**MMXXI**) will be a common year starting on Friday of the Gregorian calendar, the 2021st year of the Common Era (CE) and *Anno Domini* (AD) designations, the 21st year of the 3rd millennium, the 21st year of the 21st century, and the 2nd year of the 2020s decade.

The United Nations has declared 2021 as the **International Year of Peace and Trust**,^[1] the **International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development**,^[2] and the **International Year of Fruits and Vegetables**.^[3]

Contents

Predicted and scheduled events

Date unknown

In fiction

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Predicted and scheduled events

- April 19 – After 62 years of government by the Castro brothers, Raúl Castro is expected to step down as First Secretary at the Eighth Congress of the Communist Party of Cuba, which is scheduled to take place April 16 to 19, 2021.^{[4][5]}
- May 6 – The 2021 United Kingdom local elections which will see the whole country go to the polls for the first time other than in a general election.^[6]
- May 18 – May 22 – The Eurovision Song Contest 2021 will be held in Rotterdam, Netherlands after the cancellation of the 2020 contest due to the COVID-19 pandemic.^{[7][8]}
- May 26 – The second-shortest total lunar eclipse of the 21st century is expected to occur, lasting just 14 minutes and 30 seconds long.^[9]
- June 7 – The European Union's Directive on Copyright in the Digital Single Market would likely to go effect, imposing copyright limitation for upload filters, link taxes and restriction on memes.^[10]
- June 10 – Annular solar eclipse.
- June 11 – July 11 – The UEFA Euro 2020 will be held across Europe, and the 2021 Copa América will be held in Argentina and Colombia. Both competitions were

Millennium: 3rd millennium

Centuries: 20th century ·
21st century ·
 22nd century

Decades: 2000s · 2010s ·
2020s · 2030s ·
 2040s

Years: 2018 · 2019 · 2020 ·
2021 · 2022 · 2023 ·
 2024

2021 by topic:

Arts

Architecture – Comics – Film –
 Home video – Literature (Poetry) –
 Music (Country, Rock, Metal, UK,
 US) – Radio – Photo – Television
 (UK, US) – Video gaming

Politics and government

Elections – International leaders –
 Sovereign states
 Sovereign state leaders – Territorial
 governors

Science and technology

Archaeology – Aviation –
 Birding/Ornithology – Palaeontology
 – Rail transport – Spaceflight

Sports

American football – Association
 football – Athletics (sport) –
 Badminton – Baseball – Basketball
 – Chess – Combat sports – Cricket
 – Cycling – Golf – Handball – Ice
 hockey – Rugby union – Swimming
 – Tennis – Volleyball

By place

Afghanistan – Albania – Algeria –
 Andorra – Angola – Antarctica –

rescheduled from June 12, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.^{[11][12]}

- July 23 – August 8 – The 2020 Summer Olympics will be held in Tokyo, Japan. It was also rescheduled from July 24, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.^[13]
- October 1 – The 2020 World Expo is scheduled to take place. It was also rescheduled from October 20, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.^[14]
- October 23 – November 27 – The 2021 Rugby League World Cup will take place in England.^[15]
- October 31 – The James Webb Space Telescope is scheduled to be launched after being delayed several times.^[16]
- November 1 – 12 – The 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference will take place in Glasgow, Scotland. It was also rescheduled from November 9, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.^[17]
- December 4 – Total solar eclipse.

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- Planned launch of NASA's Artemis 1 mission to the Moon, the first integrated flight of the agency's Orion MPCV and Space Launch System (SLS) rocket.^[18]
- In the United States, Brood X, the largest brood of North American seventeen-year cicadas, will emerge since the last time in 2004.^[19]
- Costa Rica is planned to become a completely carbon-neutral nation (date set by President Óscar Arias) and ban "single use" plastic products (date set by President Luis Guillermo Solís).^{[20][21]}
- Amtrak's Avelia Liberty trains are expected to enter service in the United States.^[22]
- In Canada, Toronto's Eglinton Crosstown light rail project is projected to be completed, and the first phase of the Réseau express métropolitain in Montreal is scheduled to open.^{[23][24]}
- Planned opening of the Dubai Creek Tower (827m). Upon its completion it will become the world's tallest tower.^[25]
- Jeddah Tower (1km) is due for completion. Once completed it will become the world's tallest building and the first 1 km (3,281 ft) high building.^[26]
- The new Lagos–Ibadan Expressway in Nigeria is scheduled to be completed.^[27]
- Completion of the Dala Bridge in Yangon, Myanmar.^[28]
- The Grand Egyptian Museum, described as the largest archaeological museum in the world, is expected to be completed.^[29]

Argentina – Armenia – Australia – Austria – Azerbaijan – Bangladesh – The Bahamas – Bahrain – Barbados – Belarus – Belgium – Benin – Bhutan – Bolivia – Bosnia and Herzegovina – Botswana – Brazil – Bulgaria – Burkina Faso – Burundi – Cambodia – Cameroon – Canada – Cape Verde – Central African Republic – Chad – Chile – China – Colombia – Costa Rica – Comoros – Croatia – Cuba – Cyprus – Czechia – Denmark – Ecuador – Egypt – El Salvador – Estonia – Ethiopia – European Union – Fiji – Finland – France – Gabon – Georgia – Germany – Ghana – Greece – Guatemala – Guinea – Guyana – Haiti – Honduras – Hong Kong – Hungary – Iceland – India – Indonesia – Iran – Iraq – Ireland – Israel – Italy – Ivory Coast – Japan – Jordan – Kazakhstan – Kenya – Kosovo – Kuwait – Kyrgyzstan – Laos – Latvia – Lebanon – Lesotho – Liberia – Libya – Lithuania – Luxembourg – Macau – Madagascar – Marshall Islands – Malawi – Malaysia – Mali – Malta – Mauritania – Mexico – Micronesia – Moldova – Mongolia – Montenegro – Morocco – Mozambique – Myanmar – Nauru – Namibia – Nepal – Netherlands – New Zealand – Nicaragua – Niger – Nigeria – North Korea – North Macedonia – Norway – Oman – Pakistan – Palau – Palestine – Panama – Papua New Guinea – Paraguay – Peru – Philippines – Poland – Portugal – Qatar – Romania – Russia – Rwanda – Samoa – Saudi Arabia – Senegal – Serbia – Seychelles – Singapore – Slovakia – Slovenia – Somalia – South Africa – Solomon Islands – South Korea – South Sudan – Spain – Sri Lanka – Sudan

- Bangladesh is projected to eliminate extreme poverty, the first country in South Asia to do so.^{[30][31]}
- The 2021 Iranian presidential election will be held in Iran.

In fiction

- 21st century in fiction § 2021

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Other topics

Religious leaders

Birth and death categories

Births – Deaths

Establishments and disestablishments categories

Establishments – Disestablishments

Works and introductions categories

Works – Introductions

Works entering the public domain

2021 in various calendars

Gregorian calendar	2021 <i>MMXXI</i>
Ab urbe condita	2774
Armenian calendar	1470 ԹՎ ՌՆՀ
Assyrian calendar	6771
Bahá'í calendar	177–178
Balinese saka calendar	1942–1943
Bengali calendar	1428
Berber calendar	2971
British Regnal year	<i>N/A</i>
Buddhist calendar	2565
Burmese calendar	1383
Byzantine	7529–7530

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calendar	
Chinese calendar	庚子年 (Metal Rat) 4717 or 4657 — to — 辛丑年 (Metal Ox) 4718 or 4658
Coptic calendar	1737–1738
Discordian calendar	3187
Ethiopian calendar	2013–2014
Hebrew calendar	5781–5782
Hindu calendars	
- <i>Vikram Samvat</i>	2077–2078
- <i>Shaka Samvat</i>	1942–1943
- <i>Kali Yuga</i>	5121–5122
Holocene calendar	12021
Igbo calendar	1021–1022
Iranian calendar	1399–1400
Islamic calendar	1442–1443
Japanese calendar	Reiwa 3 (令和 3年)
Javanese calendar	1954–1955
Juche calendar	110
Julian calendar	Gregorian minus 13 days
Korean calendar	4354
Minguo calendar	ROC 110 民國110年
Nanakshahi calendar	553
Thai solar calendar	2564

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Unix time	1609459200 – 1640995199

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